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Failing to Observe Proper Hijab out of Habit - 12 /Sep/ 2019

Q. Is it a sin if a woman fails to observe proper *hijāb*,^[1] allowing some of her hair to be exposed, if this failure is due to a habit rather than a conscious and sinful decision to look attractive to men?

A. Women must cover their hair completely, making sure that no amount of hair is left exposed to non-*maḥram* men, and habit cannot be used as justification for committing a sin.

[1] *Hijāb* is the Arabic term used to refer to the Islamic dress code that determines how men and women should cover their head and body, but it is often used exclusively in reference to women's head cover.